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1. USREP TALKED WITH AFRICAN PROJECT OFFICER/TAB/ICAO REGARDING NIGERIAN PROGRAM. (BUREAU DIRECTOR VIVIAN ON EXTENDED FIELD TRIP).

2. "AGREEMENT" IS SIMPLY A LETTER, A "MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING" IN WHICH NIGERIA REQUESTS THE POSITIONS DESCRIBED IN STATE LETTER TA 3/4.65 PAGES 3-7, THE PROJECT INCLUDES ONLY THESE 13 PEOPLE. THEY ARE TO BEGIN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AND THE DURATION IS PRESENTLY REPRESENTED BY THE LENGTH OF THESE APPOINTMENTS WHICH IS THREE YEARS FOR THE DIR OF CIVIL AVIATION AND 4 YEARS FOR THE OTHER POSITIONS. THE "PURPOSE AND SCOPE" IS APPARENTLY THE OBVIOUS ONE OF ORGANIZING AND TRAINING. FYI: AFRICAN OFFICER OFFERED OPINION THAT MINISTER TRANSPORT OGUNBIYI HAD NOT BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE IN HIS ADMINISTRATION OF THE CIVIL AVIATION OF NIGERIA.

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3. THREE-MAN ICAO TEAM NOW IN LAGOS FOR TWO WEEKS DEPARTING
END OF FEBRUARY, HEADED BY J. H. GERRAND, CHIEF OF
PLANNING/EVALUATION/ICAO TA (A POSITION CREATED FOR A US
CITIZEN WHO TURNED IT DOWN). THEY ARE FINALIZING ARRANGEMENTS,
WORKING WITH UN RESREP WHO ADVISED UN NY WITHIN LAST FEW DAYS
THAT PROJECT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY ALL CONCERNED.

4. AFRICAN PROJECTS OFFICER TOLD USREP THAT HE THOUGHT THE ICAO
PROGRAM "WAS IN COMPETITION WITH THE US". USREP ASKED WHAT
COORDINATION HAD TAKEN PLACE IN NIGERIA AND HE REPLIED THAT HE
DID NOT KNOW. HE SAID 2 AMERICANS (WALLMAN & FARLEY) ALREADY IN
NIGERIA IN ON-GOING ICAO PROJECTS.

5. USREP WISHES REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT NIGERIAN COUNCIL REP
OLANIYAN HAS FROM TIME TO TIME ASKED ABOUT THE STATUS OF US
PROGRAM IN NIGERIA (APPARENTLY HE THOUGHT IT WAS USG/FAA BUT USREP
SUBSEQUENTLY RECEIVED IMPRESSION IT MAY HAVE BEEN GON NEGOTIA-
TIONS WITH A U.S. AIRLINE). IN ANY CASE NIGERIAN COUNCIL REP
WAS CALLED TO LONDON BY MINTRANSPORT OGUNBIYI FEW WEEKS AGO FOR
DISCUSSIONS. ONE OUTCOME WAS PROMPT ARRANGEMENTS FOR OLANIYAN
TO PROCEED TO FAA/OKLAHOMA CITY TRAINING FOR SIX WEEKS. FROM
TIME TO TIME NIGERIAN REP HAS CONFIDED TO USREP THAT HE HOPES
TO RETURN TO NIGERIA AS DGCA ONE DAY, AND HIS DECISION NOT TO
FILE AS CANDIDATE FOR SYG APPEARED TO REPRESENT HIS HOPE AND
EVEN EXPECTANCY THAT HE WILL BE RETURNING TO NIGERIA WITHIN A
YEAR IN TOP AVIATION POSITION. USREP SUGGESTS THAT FRANK,
INFORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE WITH OLANIYAN IN OKLAHOMA
CITY AND IF POSSIBLE ROUTE HIM VIA WASHINGTON ON RETURN. HE IS
VERY RPO-US, EXTREMELY HELPFUL TO USREP AND US DEL AND REGARDLESS
OF WHEN OR IN WHAT CAPACITY HE RETURNS TO NIGERIA WE WILL HAVE A
WELL INFORMED AND INFLUENTIAL FRIEND IN NIGERIAN CIVIL AVIATION.
IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE FUNDS-TRUST AGREEMENT WHICH CALLS FOR A
DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION MAY ANTICIPATE A COUNTER-PART
ARRANGEMENT FOR "TRAINING" A NIGERIAN DIRECTOR WHO COULD BE
OLANIYAN OR SOMEONE HE KNOWS WELL. FYI: USREP TALKED WITH
OLANIYAN LAST WEEKEND WHEN HE CAME ON A BRIEF VISIT TO MONTREAL
FROM OKLAHOMA CITY AND RETURNED. HE SPENT DAY IN NIGERIAN
EMBASSY OTTAWA, AFTER COUP AND INDICATED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO
INFLUENCE ON HIS PROGRAM AS A RESULT AND HOPEFULLY NO LASTING
ADVERSE FALL-OUT IN AREAS OF CONCERN TO HIM.

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6. USREP SUGGESTS THAT DEPARTMENT CONSIDER REQUESTING EMB LAGOS
CONTACT GERRAND TEAM THROUGH UN RESREP FOR DETAILS RE FUNDS-IN-
TRUST PROGRAM AND ANY DISCUSSION OF COORDINATION THAT MIGHT
BE INDICATED IF US AVIATION INTERESTS ARE INVOLVED IN PARALLEL.
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